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Cuban Missile Crisis Address to the Nation

50 years ago today, on October 22nd, 1962, President John F. Kennedy delivered a nation-wide televised address about the discovery of Soviet missiles in Cuba and the U.S. plan of action during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Watch or listen to Kennedy's speech during one of the major confrontations of the Cold War. The confrontation ended on October 28, 1962, when Kennedy and United Nations Secretary-General U Thant reached a public and secret agreement with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Had a nuclear conflict, or possibly World War III, been initiated it has been estimated that 100 million Americans and over 100 million Soviets would have perished.

50 years later eight countries have detonated nuclear weapons and acknowledge that they possess nuclear weapons: the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, the People's Republic of China, India, Pakistan, and North Korea. And it is widely believed that Israel possesses nuclear weapons, though it does not acknowledge having them. South Africa has the unique status of a nation that developed nuclear weapons but has since disassembled its arsenal. The Federation of American Scientists estimates there are more than 19,000 nuclear warheads in the world as of 2012, with around 4,400 of them kept in "operational" status, ready for use.

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The devastating US atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki not only brought World War II to an end, but effectively gave birth to the Cold War. The postwar world would thereafter be marked by the fragile relationship of two superpowers with opposing ideologies: the United States and the Soviet Union.

For forty-five years, these two superpowers would vie for supremacy in world politics. The Cold War, defined by events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, turmoil in the Third World, and the arms race, held the potential for an apocalyptic confrontation that could have spelled doom for the human race. Understanding the Cold War, with all of its far-reaching, global implications, is absolutely essential to our understanding of the history of the second half of the twentieth century and beyond.

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John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was a complex man with an interesting public and private life. His legacy has many aspects to it: father, husband, and President. He led a private life shrouded with mystery and a few scandals, which would come to the public's attention many years after his assassination in Dallas, Texas in 1963.

Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, he lived a privileged life with money and power. His family life was very large and he grew up with eight brothers and sisters. His extended family was also a big influence on him.

John graduated from Harvard and later went into the Navy. He suffered a back injury and later returned to his private life. His father had political hopes for him. In 1952 he was elected to the Senate. He met and married Jacqueline Bouvier the following year. This was the beginning of his political road to the White House.

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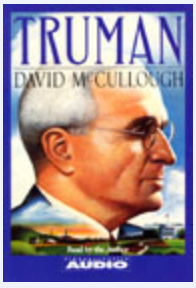

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Biography
David McCullough is undoubtedly one of the most popular modern historians living today. If one were to break down the reasons for his fantastic success, one migh argue that it lies in his uncanny ability to re-write history as if it were an epic novel. Born in Pittsburg in 1933, McCullough received his education from Yale. Originally pursuing a career in art, his interests began to change after he began talking with celebrated author Thornton Wilder. During lunch breaks, the undergraduate McCullough began thinking about a career in writing, and to this day he cites Wilder as a primary career influence.

After deciding to write professionally, McCullough cut his teeth working at Sports Illustrated, American Heritage, and other periodicals. His first book was written during his free time while writing for American Heritage, and was met with immediate success. Since becoming a full time author, McCullough has written 6 more brilliant books, each

dealing with some aspect of the American story, whether it be told from the viewpoint of an every day citizen, or the President of the United States. A regular lecturer and presence on public broadcasting, McCullough continues to top best-seller's lists with each new book he releases. He currently resides in Massachusetts with his College Sweetheart, Rosalee.

We Recommend
We first recommend listening to McCullough's newest Audio Book, **1776**. This tells the tale of the men who marched alongside George Washington during the war for American Independence. The story is told through the eyes of the men that fought in this important conflict, and also examines George Washington, a man that had never led soldiers into battle up to that point. Hear about what may have been America's darkest hour as a nation, and the individual tales of bravery that led to the formation of our country.

After you've been given a good taste of McCullough at his best, we suggest not missing his two most prominent biographies. The first is **Truman**, a pulitzer-prize winning document of a president that many have relegated to being a footnote in history. McCullough handles his subject with utmost seriousness: here you will hear the sweeping tale of how our 33rd president decided to use the Atomic Bomb, and how he navigated the turbulent dawning of the Cold War.

Finally, there's **John Adams**, an immensely popular portrait of the United States' Second President. In this biography, McCullough pulls out all the stops in capturing the drama of Adams' era and importance. You will listen to how Adams avoided another costly war, you will hear about his antagonistic relationship with Thomas Jefferson, and finally learn how this honest Yankee Patriot came to lead his young country during a time of extreme risk.

Whether you are interested in learning more about American History, or want to hear inspiring stories of the people that have helped shape the American Ideal, you'll find no better place to look than with the work of David McCullough. LearnOutLoud.com is thrilled to showcase the work of this prominent and vital historian.

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